

Minutes
Lansing Historic District Commission
5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2016
Planning and Neighborhood Development Conference Room
316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing MI 48933

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Winans opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
 - A. Introductions and Roll Call:

Present: Cassandra Nelson, Carol Skillings, Curtis Sonnenberg, Nathalie Winans.

Absent: Tom Truscott, Kara Wood (EA)

Staff Present: Bill Rieske
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Skillings, and CARRIED unanimously to approve the agenda as corrected.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
4. STAFF COMMENTS
Mr. Rieske distributed a packet for information to the Commission on the South Edge Lofts, a development slated for the NW corner of S. Washington and W. St. Joe. The project includes two existing buildings, at 617 S. Capitol and 118 W. St Joe (A.K.A. 'Blake House'), incorporated into the facades of a larger, more modern mixed-use building. Plans are to preserve the historic character of the two buildings, although this is not a tax credit project. A discussion ensued about the design, including the juxtaposition of old and new.

Mr. Rieske also reported that the SHPO work on defining and evaluating the boundaries of the Old 4th Ward, Green Oaks, and East Side potential historic districts (Mannik & Smith work on the NSP project) is not yet completed.
5. PRESENTATIONS – None.
6. HEARINGS (ADVERTISED) – None.
7. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – October 12, 2015. It was moved by Ms. Skillings, seconded by Mr. Sonnenberg, and CARRIED unanimously, to approve the October 12, 2015 minutes as printed.
8. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

9. DISCUSSION:

A. Updates on:

- Booklet/brochure – Mr. Rieske reported that Bob Johnson would like to fund the project exclusively with private money. Mr. Johnson suggested that Joe McDonald be consulted for assistance on this.
- Darius B. Moon House – Ms. Skillings reported that the porches were completed before Christmas. The next project is repainting the house, and possibly expanding a basement window for improved egress.
- Cherry Hill Historic District – Mr. Sonnenberg reported that the Cherry Hill neighborhood group plans to have the kiosk completed by spring. It has begun working with LPD, CATA, and Community Mental Health to improve the neighborhood. Larry Meyer, keeper of the remaining balance of funds from the old Cherry Hill Neighborhood Association, is consulting with the State about managing the transition from the old organization to the new. Next meeting of the group is January 21.
- Preservation Lansing – Ms. Nelson reported that the Preservation Awards ceremony was a small event, but went well. Mr. Sonnenberg said that he wanted to join.
- Membership – Heidi Butler, of the Capital Area District Library was previously suggested for membership, and Mr. Sonnenberg said he needed to stop by the library and will discuss membership with her while he's there.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

11. PENDING ITEMS: FUTURE ACTION REQUIRED – None.

12. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS – None.

13. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:25 p.m.